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SUBJECT: ANDREI SPEECH AT BUDAPEST MEETING OF EUROPEAN
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1. PARTY SECRETARY STEFAN ANDREI'S SPEECH AT BUDAPEST MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES (SCINTEIA DECEMBER 22) FIRMLY STAKES OUT ROMANIAN INTERESTS IN ADVANCE OF DRAFTING CONFERENCE DOCUMENT AND, IF ANYTHING, IS STRONGER REAFFIRMATION OF ROMANIA'S UNENTHUSIASTIC APPROACH TO EXERCISE THAN ANDREI'S POST-WARSAW SCINTEIA ARTICLE OCTOBER 22.

2. WHEREAS BEFORE ANDREI DID NOT QUESTION IDEA OF FINAL DOCUMENT, THIS TIME HE IS MORE GRUDGING: ALTHOUGH "NOT STRICLTLY NECESSARY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRINCIPLE" EXCEPT POSSIBLY SHORT COMMUNIQUE, ONE COULD BE ACCEPTED BY

RCP UNDER "CONSENSUS CONDITIONS". ANDREI ADDS LIST OF ROMANIAN RESERVATIONS TO GUARD INDIVIDUAL CP AUTONOMY -- DOCUMENT MUST SET "GENERAL OBJECTIVES" ONLY, NOT "TASKS", LEAVING LATTER UP TO CP'S THEMSELVES. DOCUMENT MUST BE "CONCISE" AND DRAFTED BY WORKING GROUP OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS OBSERVING PRINCIPLES OF CONSENSUS AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

3. ANDREI BACKSLIDES ON TIMING OF CONFERENCE, NO LONGER MENTIONING MID-1975 IN BERLIN BUT ONLY THAT SETTING DATE IS NOW PREMATURE AND CONFERENCE CAN TAKE PLACE AFTER CONCLUSION OF CSCE.

4. ANDREI SEES CONFERENCE'S ATTENTION DIRECTED AT PRESENT SITUATION IN EUROPE AND ITS "PRINCIPLE FUNCTION" AS "MOBILIZING PEOPLES" TO IMPLEMENT CSCE DECISIONS. HE UNDERSCORES ROMANIAN POSITIONS ON LIQUIDATION OF MILITARY BLOCS AND FOREIGN BASES, ON DISARMAMENT, FOR PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE AND NON-INTERFERENCE, REDUCING GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR, AND BROAD COOPERATION WITH "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" AND EVEN BOURGEOIS PARTIES, MIDDLE CLASSES, RELIGIOUS BELIEVERS, PACIFISTS, AND ESPECIALLY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

5. ANDREI SEES "PROGRESS IN DIRECTION OF DETENTE" AS FAR FROM IRREVERSIBLE BUT RATHER AT "BEGINNINGS" AND "FRAGILE". PROGRESS SO FAR IS ASCRIBED NOT ONLY TO EFFORTS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND COMMUNIST PARTIES BUT ALSO "OTHER DECOMCATIC AND PROGRESSIVE FORMATIONS" AND "PEOPLES", INCLUDING ROMANIA'S "ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION".

6. COMMENT: ROMANIANS APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN UNCOMPROMISING STAND AT BUDAPEST AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE VIGOROUSLY ENGAGED IN INSERTING THEIR POINT OF VIEW IN WHAT MAY BE PROTRACTED DRAFTING PROCESS AS FINAL CP CONFERENCE DOCUMENT GOES FORWARD.
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